

Claims 1-8 (previously canceled)

9. (previously amended) A method in a data processing system for managing an information request, comprising:

establishing a session, including authenticating a client based on a presented credential;

generating a session identification in response to the session being established; associating the presented credential with session data;

sending the session identification to the client;

receiving a request for information and a credential and the session identification from the client;

determining whether the session identification is valid;

determining whether the credential is valid for both the client and the session data;

sending the information to the client in response to the session identification and the credential being valid.

- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the credential is a user name and password, a security token, or a certificate.
- 11. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
 associating a user account with the session identification in response to the credential being valid.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of generating a session identification comprises generating a random number.
- 13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of generating a session identification comprises generating a session identification data structure.

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- 14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the session identification data structure is a session identification cookie.
- 15. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the session identification data structure is in a rewritten uniform resource locator.
- 16. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the request is a hypertext transport protocol request.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the hypertext transport protocol request is a uniform resource locator.

Claims 18-21 (previously canceled)

22. (original) A method in a data processing system for managing an information request, comprising:

receiving a request for information and a session identification and a first credential from a client;

determining whether the session identification is valid;

retrieving a session data structure including a second credential in response to the session identification being valid;

determining whether the first credential and the second credential match; and fulfilling the request for information in response to the first credential and the second credential matching.

- 23. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the first credential is a user name and password, a security token, or a certificate.
- 24. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of generating a session identification comprises generating a random number.

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- 25. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of generating a session identification comprises generating a session identification data structure.
- 26. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the session identification data structure is a session identification cookic.
- 27. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the session identification data structure is in a rewritten uniform resource locator.
- 28. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the request is a hypertext transport protocol request.
- 29. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the hypertext transport protocol request is a uniform resource locator.

Claims 30-37 (previously canceled)

38. (previously amended) An apparatus for managing an information request, comprising:

session means for establishing a session, including authenticating a client based on a presented credential;

generating means for generating a session identification in response to the session being established;

association means for associating the presented credential with session data; first sending means for sending the session identification to the client;

receipt means for receiving a request for information and a credential and the session identification from the client;

first determining means for determining whether the session identification is valid;

second determining means for determining whether the credential is valid for both the client and the session data; and

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- 39. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the credential is a user name and password, a security token, or a certificate.
- 40. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, further comprising:
 association means for associating a user account with the session identification in response to the session identification being generated.
- 41. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the generating means comprises means for generating a random number.
- 42. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the generating means comprises means for generating a session identification data structure.
- 43. (original) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the session identification data structure is a session identification cookie.
- 44. (original) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the session identification data structure is in a rewritten uniform resource locator.
- 45. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the request is a hypertext transport protocol request.
- 46. (original) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the hypertext transport protocol request is a uniform resource locator.

Claims 47-50 (previously canceled)



51. (original) An apparatus for managing an information request, comprising: a processor; and

a memory electrically connected to the processor, the memory having stored therein a program to be executed on the processor for performing:

receiving a request for information and a session identification and a first credential from a client;

determining whether the session identification is valid;

retrieving a session data structure including a second credential in response to the session identification being valid;

determining whether the first credential and the second credential match; and

fulfilling the request for information in response to the first credential and the second credential matching.

- 52. (original) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the first credential is a user name and password, a security token, or a certificate.
- 53. (original) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the step of generating a session identification comprises generating a random number.
- 54. (original) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the step of generating a session identification comprises generating a session identification data structure.
- 55. (original) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the session identification data structure is a session identification cookie.
- 56. (original) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the session identification data structure is in a rewritten uniform resource locator.
- 57. (original) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the request is a hypertext transport protocol request.

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58. (original) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the hypertext transport protocol request is a uniform resource locator.

Claim 59 (previously canceled)

60. (previously amended) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for managing an information request, comprising:

instructions for establishing a session, including authenticating a client based on a presented credential;

instructions for generating a session identification in response to the session being established;

instructions for associating the presented credential with session data; instructions for sending the session identification to the client;

instructions for receiving a request for information and a credential and the session identification from a client;

instructions for determining whether the session identification is valid;

instructions for determining whether the credential is valid for both the client and the session data;

instructions for sending the information to the client in response to the session identification and the credential being valid.

Claim 61 (previously canceled)

62. (original) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for managing an information request, comprising:

instructions for receiving a request for information and a session identification and a first credential from a client;

instructions for determining whether the session identification is valid;

instructions for retrieving a session data structure including a second credential in response to the session identification being valid;

instructions for determining whether the first credential and the second credential match; and

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63. (previously added) A method in a data processing system for managing an information request, comprising:

authenticating a client based on a presented credential; generating a session identification in response to the client being authenticated; associating the presented credential with session data; sending the session identification to the client;

receiving a request for information and a credential and the session identification from the client;

determining whether the session identification is valid;

determining whether the credential is valid for both the client and the session data; and

sending the information to the client in response to the session identification and the credential being valid.